

REMARKS

This is a Response in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004. Claim 46 has been amended. The amendment to claim 46 is to clarify the claim. Upon entry of this Response, claims 46, 48, and 63 are pending in this application. It is believed that the amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Claim 46 has been amended to address the Examiner concern regarding "how a secondary amine group is to be reacted to yield a secondary amine containing reactant". In this regard, claim 46 has been amended by deleting "to form a compound having a secondary amino group". The deleted phrase was unclear. One aspect of the claimed invention includes forming a product (A) having a hydrolysable group directly bonded to 1 to 10 silicon atoms and having less than two secondary amino groups in one molecule. Less than two secondary amino groups contained in a compound (a) or compound (b) remain unchanged and are left in the product (A), according to the mixture ratio of the compound (a) and compound (b). An illustrative and non-limiting example includes a compound (a) having 3 secondary amino groups is allowed to react with compound (b) to yield a product (A) having 1 secondary amino group. In this case, 1 secondary amino group remains unchanged and is left in the product (A).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 46, 48, and 63 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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